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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2008 STIP Amendment #1

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your December 20, 2007 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #1 providing for the addition of 13 projects to the FY 2008-2011 program.

Because the affected projects are not intermodal in nature and do not affect the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for these requested changes.

With regard to ITD's request, I find that:

1. All except project KN 11031 qualify for grouped listing per 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, on this basis, will not require additional public involvement.
2. Project KN 11031, US-95, Moscow Mountain Passing Lane, was previously identified in the STIP for FY 2012 and, as such, went through the public involvement process in conjunction with the development of the FY2008-2011 STIP. Therefore no additional public involvement will be required to advance the project to FY 2010 as proposed.
3. All of the proposed changes are outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas and therefore Federal quality conformity regulations will not apply (ref. 40 CFR Section 93.126).
4. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of ITD's request and the above findings, amendment #1 is approved as submitted.

Sincerely,
(original signed by)
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Transportation Engineer

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